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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Reference is made to our recent telephone conversation regarding the appeal by Mr. Peter Freedberger of CBS News Specials seeking to have this Office act to expedite processing of his pending request to the F.B.I. for access to three documents described and footnoted on pages 182 and 183 of Book Three of the Church Committee's final report.

As I advised you when we talked, the three documents Mr. Freedberger is seeking are:

1. 447a -- Memorandum from Milton Jones to Thomas Bishop, March 18, 1969;

2. 447b -- Memorandum from the SAC, Atlanta, to the Director, April 3, 1969; and

3. 448 -- Memorandum from the Director to the SAC, Atlanta, April 16, 1969.

I also informed you that the F.B.I.'s FOIPA Branch was totally -- and quite properly -- unwilling to expedite the processing of these three documents without your agreement, given the fact that you are the senior requester for the as yet largely unprocessed group of records of which these documents are a part. You told me that you would agree to the expedited processing of the three documents on two conditions: first, that you received whatever was released at the same time as did CBS; and, second, that Mr. Freedberger agreed to contact you when the material is released and obtain your views as to its meaning and significance. I then assured you that your first condition was accepted. On July 19, I discussed the matter with Mr. Freedberger who

unequivocally accepted your second condition. By copy of this letter I am requesting Inspector McCreight to expedite the processing of the three documents.

Your courtesy in this matter has been appreciated.

Sincerely,

Quinlan J. Shea, Jr., Director
Office of Privacy and Information Appeals

CC: Mr. Peter Freedberger
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Inspector Allen McCreight
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